



What is Cloud Computing?

In the simplest terms, cloud computing means storing and accessing data and programs over the Internet instead of your computer's hard drive. The cloud is just a metaphor for the Internet.

iCloud

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<http://www.apple.com/au/icloud/?cid=wwa-au-kwg-features-com>



iCloud connects you and your Apple devices. It makes sure you always have the latest versions of your most important things, like documents, apps, notes and contacts, on whatever device you are using. It lets you easily share photos, calendars, locations and more with friends and family. It even helps you find your device if you lose it. And iCloud does it all automatically. Just like that.

To use iCloud, users must have an iTunes account and a compatible computer or iOS device. When data in iCloud-enabled apps is added or updated on compatible devices, the data is automatically uploaded to the user's iCloud account and then automatically downloaded to the user's other iCloud-enabled devices. In this way, iCloud is both a storage tool and a system to keep all your data in sync across multiple devices.

iCloud Requirements

iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch using iOS 7 or later

Mac using OS X Mavericks v10.9 or later and either iPhoto 9.5 or Aperture 3.5

Apple TV with Apple TV software 6.0 or later

PC using Windows 7 or later and iCloud for Windows 4.0 (or iCloud Control Panel 3.1 or later)

Movies, Apps and Books



You never know when you'll suddenly be in the mood to listen to a song, watch the next episode of a TV series, launch an app, or continue reading a novel you started. With iCloud, anything you purchase in the iTunes Store, the App Store, and iBooks is automatically available on all your devices the moment you tap Buy. You can also access past purchases from any of your devices.¹ And whenever you start something on one device, all your other devices automatically remember where you left off.



iCloud Photo Sharing.

iCloud makes it easy to share photos and video with exactly the people you want to see them. Create a shared album and invite friends and family to add their photos and video clips as often as they want. And iCloud Photo Library, in beta, stores every photo and video you take, making them accessible from your iPhone, iPad or iPod touch, and on iCloud.com. Soon, you'll be able to enjoy Photos and iCloud Photo Library on your Mac too.

Every photo and video you take now lives in iCloud — giving you the freedom to access your library from any device, any time you want. So you can view a photo from last week or last year no matter where you are.

Access all your photos from anywhere.

iCloud Photo Library automatically keeps all your photos in the cloud, so you can access or download them on your iPhone, iPad, iPod touch and the web. And when you edit a picture using Photos in iOS 8, your changes are uploaded to iCloud and visible on other devices. Just go to iCloud settings, Photos and tap to enable.

Fill your library, not your device.

Now you can spend more time shooting pictures and less time managing them. iCloud Photo Library helps you make the most of the space available on your iOS device by automatically storing the original high-resolution photos and videos in iCloud and leaving behind the lightweight versions that are perfectly sized for each device.



Find My iPhone (or iPad or Mac)

Don't panic. If one of your Apple devices goes missing, iCloud can help you figure out where it is. Just sign in at iCloud.com or use the Find My iPhone app to see your missing iPhone, iPad, iPod touch or Mac on a map. And with the Lost Mode feature you don't just see where your device is, you can track where it's been. That way you can decide on your best course of action. You can immediately lock your device and send it a message with a contact number. Then whoever finds it can call you from the Lock screen without accessing the rest of the information on your device.

Safari

iCloud keeps the tabs you have open in Safari up to date on your iPad, iPhone, iPod touch, and Mac. So you can go from one device to the next and pick up browsing wherever you left off. Safari also saves web pages — not just links — in your Reading List, so you can get caught up on any device, even when you're not connected to the Internet. And now iCloud keeps



bookmarks in sync between Safari on your iOS devices and your Mac as well as Internet Explorer, Firefox, or Google Chrome on your PC.



Mail, Calendar and Contacts

With iCloud, you now have your inbox, calendar, contacts and other important information in your pocket and on your desktop. When you delete an email, add a calendar event, update a contact, edit a note or check off a to-do item, iCloud makes the changes everywhere.



Backup and Restore

You have all sorts of important stuff on your iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch, like your photos and videos. iCloud automatically backs it up daily over Wi-Fi when your device is connected to a power source. You don't have to do a thing. And when you set up a new iOS device or need to restore information on one you already have, iCloud Backup does the heavy lifting. Connect your device to Wi-Fi and enter your Apple ID and password. Your personal data — along with your purchased music, movies, TV shows, apps, and books — will appear on your device, automatically.

Storage

When you sign up for iCloud, you automatically get 5GB of free storage. Your iCloud storage is used for iCloud Backup, app data and documents stored in iCloud, and iCloud Mail (iCloud.com email accounts). If you need more storage, you can easily purchase an upgrade right from your device.



iCloud Drive

Now you have the freedom to work with the document of your choice on the device of your choice. Because with iCloud Drive, you can safely store all your presentations, spreadsheets, PDFs, images and any other kind of document in iCloud. Then access them from your iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, Mac or PC. You get 5GB of iCloud storage free, and other storage plans start at A\$1.29 per month.

Storing Files

To upload your files to iCloud, simply drag them into the iCloud Drive on your Mac running OS X Yosemite or PC running Windows 7 or later. Or start a new document using an iCloud-enabled app on your iOS device. Then you'll be able to access those documents from all your devices.

Editing

Using iCloud Drive means you'll always have access to the latest version of all your documents from any device. For example, you can start creating a

presentation on your Mac at home, then make final edits and present it in class using your iPad. The changes you make along the way appear automatically on all your devices.



Family Sharing

Family Sharing makes it easy for up to six people in your family to share each other's iTunes, iBooks and App Store purchases without sharing accounts. Pay for family purchases with the same credit card and approve kids' spending straight from a parent's device. And share photos, a family calendar and more to help keep everyone connected.

Setting Up

To get started, one adult in your household — the organiser — invites up to five additional family members and agrees to pay for any iTunes, iBooks and App Store purchases they initiate while part of the family group. Once family members join, the features of Family Sharing are set up on everyone's devices automatically.

Setting Limits

All new iTunes, iBooks and App Store purchases initiated by members will be billed to the family organiser's account. But the organiser can still call the shots. Just turn on Ask to Buy for children in the family. When a child initiates a purchase, an alert is sent to the organiser, who can review the download and approve or decline it right there on the organiser's device. This applies to both purchases and free downloads.

Family Photo Album

Collecting and sharing family memories is easier. When Family Sharing is turned on, a shared album is set up automatically in the Photos app on all family members' devices. Then everyone can add photos, videos and comments to the album and be notified when something new is added.

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iCloud.com is a great way to access your information when you're away from your iOS devices. You can sign in to iCloud.com from any Mac or PC to view all the documents you saved in iCloud Drive. And you can also use iCloud.com to access features like Find My iPhone, Mail, Calendar, Contacts, iWork for iCloud and more.

Setting up iCloud

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